## SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

February 14, 2019

## SPECIAL REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSIONER JOHN R. BARBIERI

Sir:

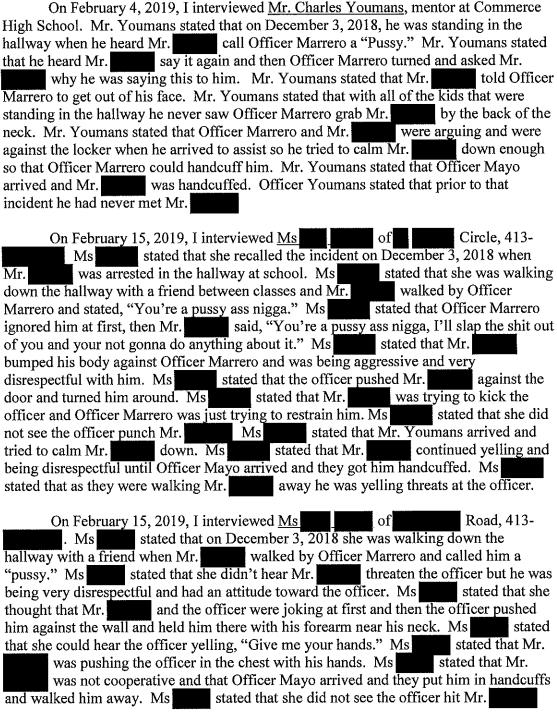
In compliance with Special Order #18-278 dated December 21, 2018 and being responsive to arrest report #18-4231-AR of Mr. this report is being submitted. **SUMMARY** (The summary is intended to be a synopsis of the full investigation. The investigation should be reviewed in its entirety.) On December 3, 2018, Mr. age was arrested by Officer Angel Marrero at Commerce High School. Sergeant Michael Kervick, Student Support Unit Supervisor, was notified by the school department that Commerce may have an issue with the arrest. Sergeant Kervick notified Captain Philip Tarpey and obtained the video of the incident. Officer Marrero stated in the arrest report that Mr. walked by him, called him a "pussy" and further stated that he "would slap the shit out of him." Officer Marrero, who was new to the school, approached Mr. and asked why he would speak to him that way. Officer Marrero stated that Mr. then pushed him in the was eventually handcuffed with chest with two hands and a struggle ensued. Mr. assistance from his partner Officer Lawrence Mayo. The video shows that Mr. does appear to say something to Officer Marrero and is confronted by the officer. Officer Marrero then grabs Mr. by the back of the neck and pushed him against the wall. Mr. then pushed Officer Marrero away with two hands and a struggle ensued. Mr. is then handcuffed and walked away. I interviewed Mr. and he denies ever calling Officer Marrero a "pussy," threatening him or assaulting him. Officer Marrero stated after watching the video that the incident happened very fast and when he felt Mr. elbow come up and make contact with him he assumed Mr. had now assaulted him after he had just previously threatened him. Officer Marrero stated that he never intentionally tried to deceive anyone when he wrote that Mr. pushed him first.

## INVESTIGATION

On January 29, 2019, I interviewed <u>Sergeant Michael Kervick</u>, Student Support Unit Supervisor, and he authored a report that is similar in nature and corroborative in

content with that interview. The following is the text of that report, including any grammatical errors: On Monday, December 3, 2018 at approximately 1:31pm, Officer Angel Marrero dobarrested a Hispanic juvenile male identified as Terrace. The arrest took place at Commerce High School. At the time of the arrest Officer Marrero was assigned to the Student Support Unit. Refer to arrest 18-4231-AR for details. On December 4, 2018 while I was at the Dryden school conducting a school check, I ran into Adam Fenn from SPS Safety and Security. He told me he had just heard that "Commerce" may have an issue with the above arrest and it's on video. He told me that he would call me later in the day if he heard anything else. Later that same day, I received a phone call from Adam Fenn. He confirmed that "Commerce" did have an issue with the above arrest and that the arrest is on video. Ithen asked him if it was a use of force type of an issue and he said yes. He then told me that the Superintendent was going to be calling the Commissioner regarding the arrest. Report submitted. Sergeant Michael Kervick stated during the interview that after being notified by the school department of the issue with the arrest he called Captain Philip Tarpey to inform him. in the presence of his On February 11, 2019, I interviewed Mr. at . Mr. mother, Ms Terrace, stated that on December 3, 2018, he was walking down the hallway at Commerce High School when out of nowhere, an officer (Officer Marrero) he had never seen at the school before, grabbed him by the front of his jacket, pushed him against the wall and punched him in stated that he wasn't injured. Mr. the face. Mr. stated that he never called Officer Marrero a "pussy," even jokingly. Mr. stated that he never threatened Officer Marrero. Mr. stated that he was trying to push Officer Marrero away stated that Officer Mayo was talking to from him, but never hit him. Mr. someone down the hallway and left what he was doing to assist Officer Marrero in stated that Officer Marrero kept saying, "Stop getting him handcuffed. Mr. admitted that he was resisting arrest because he was frustrated. resisting." Mr. A review of the video from the Commerce High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Girls is wearing a red sweatshirt and walking down the bathroom showed that Mr. passes Officer Marrero it appears hallway toward officer Marrero. As Mr. that he says something to Officer Marrero because Officer Marrero turns and walks who turns and looks back toward Officer Marrero. It appears as toward Mr. though Officer Marrero may be slightly pushing Mr. in the back and then against the wall. Mr. grabs him by the back of the neck and pushes Mr. then turns to face Officer Marrero and pushes him in the chest area. A struggle ensues between the two and Mr. Charles Youmans, who was standing in the hallway when the struggle ensued, walks over to assist with getting Mr. handcuffed and walk handcuffed. Officer Mayo arrives and they get Mr. away.

Video submitted on DVD.



Using departmental records, documents; Student Support Unit Telestaff Roster; Call for Service #18-255317; Arrest Report #18-4231-AR; Booking Video; Booking Photographs; Prisoner Injury Reports; it was determined that: A review of the Student Support Unit Telestaff Roster dated December 3, 2018 showed the following officers working and their assignments:

Officers Angel Marrero and Lawrence Mayo worked 7:00am-3:00pm. Documents submitted.

A review of Call for Service #18-255317 dated December 3, 2018 showed that Mr. was arrested and transported to 50 East Street at 1:32pm. Document submitted.

On December 3, 2018, Officer Angel Marrero authored arrest report #18-4231-AR. The following is the text of that report, including any grammatical errors:

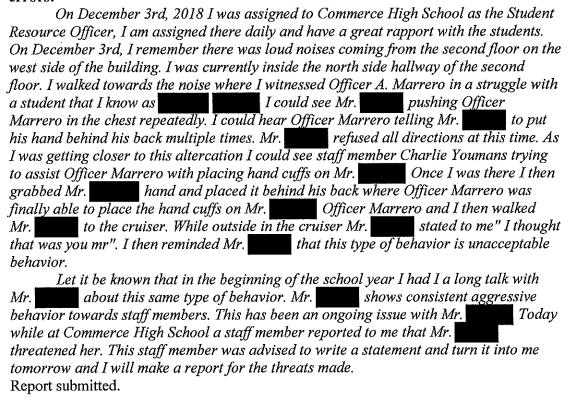


Report submitted.

A review of the booking video dated December 3, 2018 showed that Mr. was booked at the Youth Assessment Center located at 50 East Street by Officer John Lopez from 1:56pm-2:07pm.

Video submitted on DVD.

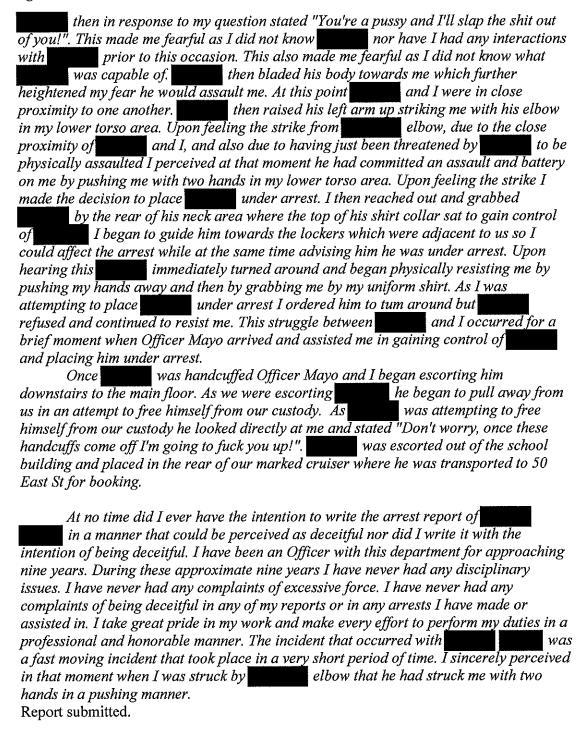
On February 12, 2019, I interviewed <u>Officer Lawrence Mayo</u>, Student Support Unit, and he authored a report that is similar in nature and corroborative in content with that interview. The following is the text of that report, including any grammatical errors:



On February 12, 2019, I interviewed <u>Officer Angel Marrero</u>, Student Support Unit, and he authored a report that is similar in nature and corroborative in content with that interview. The following is the text of that report, including any grammatical errors:

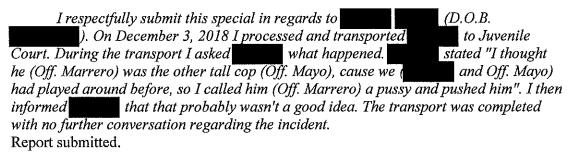
As requested I am writing this report in regards to the arrest I made on 12/03/18 of As we discussed, on 12/03/18 I was assigned to work at Commerce High School as the Student Resource Officer with Officer. L. Mayo. I normally work at Balliet Middle School but due to roster changes I was asked if I could assist Officer Mayo at Commerce High School. I had not worked at Commerce High School prior to this day and had no working knowledge of the school and I was not familiar with any of the students.

At approximately 1331 hrs I was in the second floor hallway in the 9th grade corridor. I was just in the hallway to be a presence during class transition. While walking the hallway a student identified as was walking past me and stated "You're a pussy!" I then took a step forward and asked him "what did you say?" as I was both shocked and perplexed as to why he would make such a comment towards me.



On February 12, 2019, I interviewed Officer John Lopez, Major Crimes Division, over the phone, as he was on vacation for two weeks. He authored a report that is similar in nature and corroborative in content with that interview. The following is the text of that report, including any grammatical errors:

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Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Monique McCoy